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1. A total of 3,500,000 tons of steel was produced in Czechoslovakia in 1951. Planned production for 1952 called for an output of 1,750,000 tons during the first half, and 2,250,000 tons for the second half.
2. The 1952 production plan calls for an increase in the output of Siemens-Martin steel, especially sheets and plates. On the other hand, thin-gauge and plated sheet steel (jemny a bily plech) production is to be decreased; these items will no longer be exported. Electro-plates (elektroplechy) and car-body sheets, which are produced from this type of steel, have been in great demand on the export market.
3. A decrease in the production of Thomas steel is planned, and all of the output is to be used in the production of standard consumer goods for the home market. The output of Thomas steel has been cut each year for a number of years.
4. Under the 1952 plan a considerable increase in the output of cast steel is contemplated. In 1950 and 1951 cast steel production was centered in the Adamov (P50/N 41), Brno (P50/N 40) and Blansko (P50/N 42) areas; production is being started in Slovakia this year.

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